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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 2090

SECDEF FOR DSAA (ISA); USEUCOM FOR ECJ4/7

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS CG US

SUBJECT: MOBUTU REQUESTS URGENT MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: KINSHASA 2075

1. FOLLOWING UPON TALK WITH MOBUTU THIS MORNING, REFTEL, CHIEF ZAMISH RECEIVED FROM CHIEF OF STAFF FAZA REQUEST FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF US DOLLARS ONE MILLION FORTY THOUSAND (\$1,040,000) FOR THE REPAIR OF TEN MACCHI MB-326 AIRCRAFT POSSESSED BY ZAIRE AND LOCATED AT KINSHASA. LOCAL MACCHI TECH REP STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT CAN BE MADE OPERATIONAL WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF SPARES AND ARRIVAL OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM. COST BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS:

SPARE PARTS: \$760,000

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: \$280,000

REPAIR OF THESE AIRCRAFT WILL GIVE ZAIRE A LIMITED AIR STRIKE CAPABILITY FOR CLOSE SUPPORT OF GROUND FORCES. TRAINING STATUS OF QUALIFIED PILOTS IS MARGINAL, BUT SOME EXPERIENCE WAS GAINED IN LAST CONFLICT WITH ANGOLA.

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2. MUNITIONS STORES FOR FAZA ARE ALMOST NON-EXISTENT, CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING:

1000 ROUND .50 CALIBER AMMUNITION

45 100 LB. BOMBS

68 2.75-INCH ROCKETS

3. EXPECT FOLLOW-ON REQUESTS FOR MUNITIONS AND CRITICAL C-130

SPARE PARTS.

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